

REMARKS

Upon entry of the above preliminary amendment, claims 7-22 and 24-29 will be pending. Applicants have canceled claims 1-6 and 23. Applicants have amended claims 7-22 and 24-26 to better reflect what Applicants consider their invention and conform to U.S. patent practice. Applicants have added claims 27-29, which are completely supported by the specification and original claims. Applicants have not added any new matter.

Applicants respectfully request that the Sequence listings from the parent application 09/749,223 be used in the instant application.

Conclusion

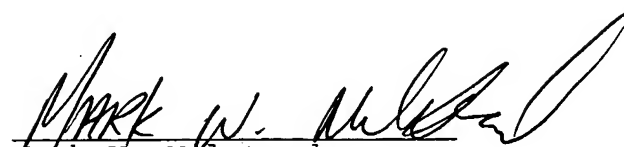
Applicants respectfully submit that the present application presents patentable subject matter.

If the Examiner believes for any reason that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (302) 934-4395, in Millsboro, Delaware.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and further replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2334 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. §1.17;

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